

Survival Vests Vietnam War



The C-1 emergency sustenance vest, developed by the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II and used through the Southeast Asia War, was worn over the M-1952 flak vest. To provide protection in harsh terrain and combat situations, PJ's wore the camouflaged HGU-26/P aircrew helmet. These items are on display in the Southeast Asia War Gallery at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo)

This vest was modernized 1966. The newer SRU-21/P was specifically designed to replace the earlier, bulkier C-1 vest to better suit the hot, humid, and jungle environments of Southeast Asia

